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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3733

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For: **FACET FUSION SYSTEM**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This document is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and further requests reconsideration of the current application and pending claims.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

Entry Not Recommended  
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